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Food for CHILDREN

- in pre-school centers
- in summer programs

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What Kind of Assistance?

- Cash reimbursement from Federal funds for food purchased. Up to a maximum of:
 - 15¢ for each breakfast
 - 30¢ for each lunch or supper
 - 10¢ for supplemental food served between meals
- In cases of severe need, financing of up to 80 percent of the food service operating costs may be considered.
- Financial help to buy or rent necessary equipment. Institutions must pay at least one-fourth of the equipment costs.
- USDA-donated foods, depending on the amounts and kinds available.
- Technical assistance and guidance to establish and operate a program.



The Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Food Service Program for Children is a three-year pilot program, authorized by a 1968 amendment to the National School Lunch Act. It is a concentrated effort to assist in improving the nutritional status of both pre-school and school age children.



The Goal

To safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children.

SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN



Who is Eligible?

Public and nonprofit private institutions such as day-care centers, settlement houses, and recreation centers that provide day-care for children from low-income areas, or from areas with many working mothers. Summer day camps and similar recreational programs may also apply. In-residence institutions are not eligible.

Nutritional Requirements

One, all, or any combination of the following meals may be served.

Minimum portions of basic food groups, according to ages of children, must be served.

Breakfast—Milk, fruit or juice, and bread or cereal.

Lunch or Supper—Milk, meat or alternate, two or more vegetables or fruits, bread and butter or margarine.

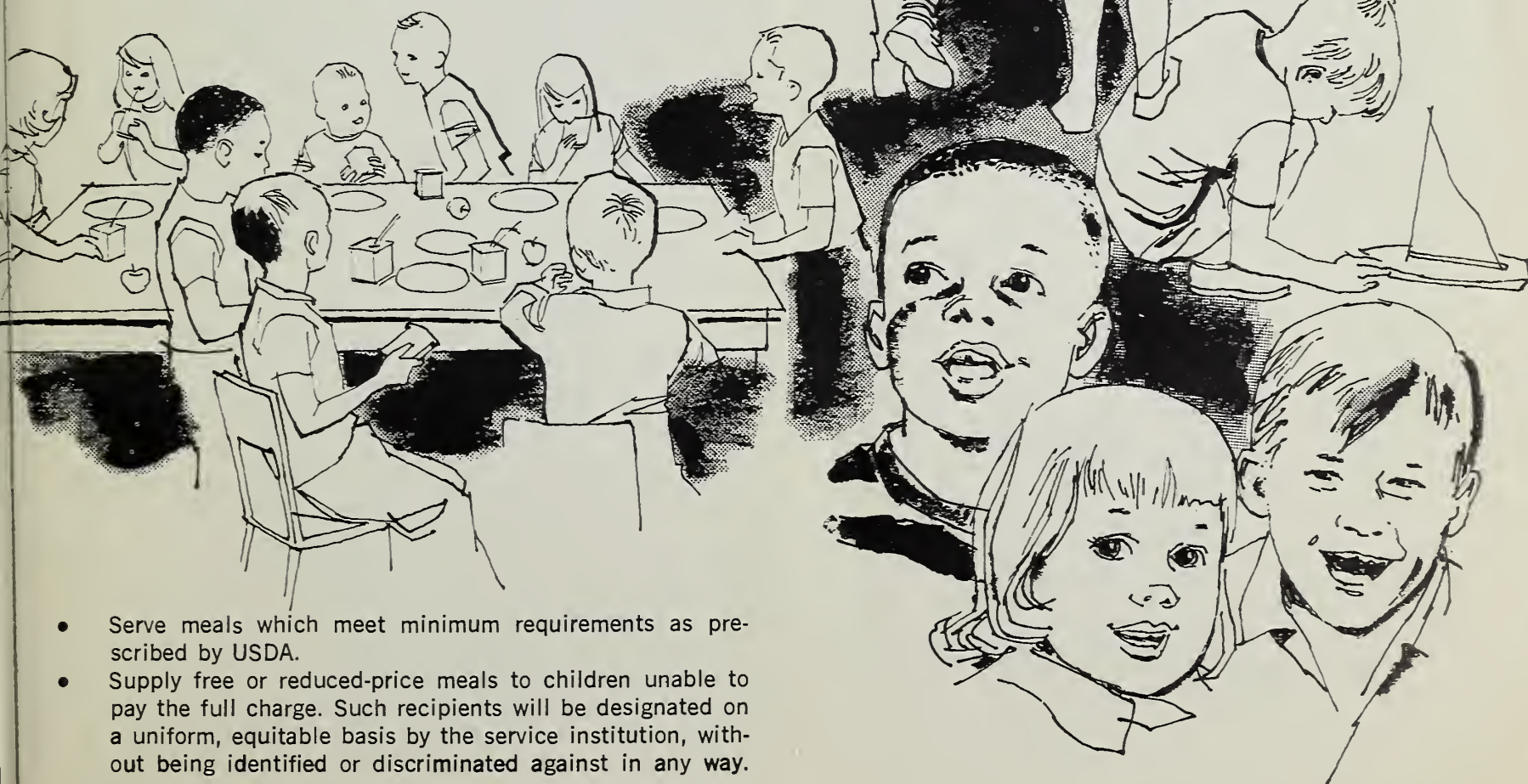
Supplemental Food—Milk or fruit, or vegetable or juice and bread or cereal.

Emphasis is on nutritional improvement.

To Participate

Institutions approved for participation must enter into a written agreement that they will:

- Operate a nonprofit food service for all children regardless of race, color, or national origin.



- Serve meals which meet minimum requirements as prescribed by USDA.
- Supply free or reduced-price meals to children unable to pay the full charge. Such recipients will be designated on a uniform, equitable basis by the service institution, without being identified or discriminated against in any way.

For more information...

Service institutions in the following States should apply to the appropriate USDA Regional Office as listed. ■

Service institutions located in other States may apply directly to the State Educational Agency in their capital city. ▨



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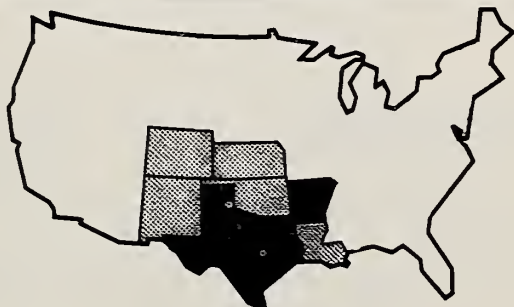
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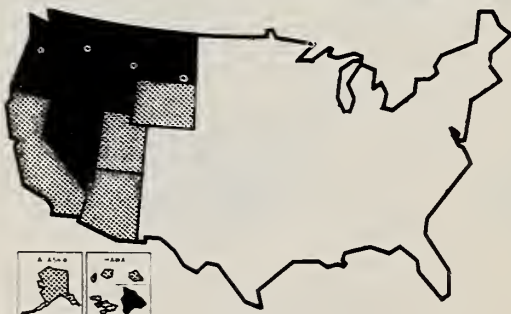
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